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GREENFIELD SOUTH BUSINESS PARK DESIGNATED AS AT&T FIBER READY

Designation Reflects Presence of Fiber-Based, High-Speed Internet

GARNER, NC, February 10, 2016 — As part of AT&T's continuing efforts to drive economic development and investment in North Carolina, <u>AT&T*</u> and representatives from Greenfield South Business Park and Garner Economic Development today announced that Greenfield South Business Park has been designated AT&T Fiber Ready, the first business park in the region to receive AT&T's Fiber Ready designation.

The announcement comes less than a month after AT&T announced that more than 23,500 business customer locations have been added to the fiber network in the past three years.

"The fact that Garner is home to the first AT&T Fiber Ready Park in the Triangle reflects the great work being done here in the community to grow our economy," said Mayor Ronnie Williams. "This designation can be a tremendous asset for our economic development leaders as we continue to work to attract businesses and jobs to our region. We're a great town with world-class connections and we're open for business."

"High-speed broadband enables our local businesses to compete successfully in an international marketplace," said Wake County Commissioner Matt Calabria. "It also drives creation of innovative, high-tech, high-paying jobs – exactly the kind we want to attract to our county."

"Being an AT&T Fiber Ready park highlights our commitment to provide the environment and infrastructure companies need to be successful, coupled with a community that offers an outstanding quality of life for employees and families," said Ed Brown, Broker with NAI Carolantic Realty and representative for Greenfield South Business Park.

In today's world, connectivity is vital to new employers and businesses of every type. The AT&T Fiber Ready designation helps economic development leaders more effectively position their communities for site selection by emphasizing the availability of high-speed, fiber-based services.

The AT&T fiber network provides the bandwidth needed to support data intensive services such as video, collaboration, cloud services and more through products such as Ethernet, Virtual Private Networking, Managed Internet Service, AT&T GigaPowerSM and AT&T Business Fiber. Customers can complement their high-speed Internet with network security options and online backup to help protect and virtualize their business-critical information.

"For any business considering expansion or relocation, the availability of fiber-optic facilities and high-speed communications infrastructure is always among the top priorities," said Joseph Stallings, Director of Garner Economic Development. "This Fiber Ready designation will be a valuable tool as we continue to aggressively recruit businesses that depend upon state-of-the art communications."

In January, AT&T announced that it had added 1 million additional business customer locations – including more than 23,500 in the state of North Carolina – to its fiber network since 2012 when the company began its aggressive fiber expansion program. The expansion helped extend the AT&T U.S. fiber network another 76,000 route miles, bringing the total to nearly 500,000. AT&T offers business customers high-speed Internet products on its fiber network in every major metro in the company's 21-state footprint.

"We are excited to recognize Greenfield South Business Park as one of many places across North Carolina where AT&T's fiber infrastructure is in place and ready to help local businesses drive job creation," said Robert Doreauk, Regional Director of AT&T External Affairs. "Every day, AT&T's employees use our billions of dollars of investment to deliver high-speed Internet for consumers and businesses. Those investments are possible in large part because of the smart, pro-investment policies championed by our state leaders and by local leaders such as Mayor Williams and Commissioner Calabria."

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